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- 1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS NEW NICARAGUAN CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR STUDY AND APPROVAL AND ASSUMES EMBASSY WILL REPORT THOSE NEW OR CHANGED PROVISIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT US POSITIONS OR INTERESTS.
- 2. IN THAT REGARD, WIRE SERVICES HAVE REPORTED THAT AMONG FIRST THIRTY ARTICLES OF NEW CONSTITUTION ALREADY APPROVED IS ONE STATING "THE PRINCIPLE OF A TWO HUNDRED MILE CONTINENTAL SHELF". DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THIS IS MOST LIKELY A RE-STATEMENT OF PREVIOUS NICARAGUAN CLAIMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF A TWO HUNDRED MILE "PATRIMONIAL SEA," AND DOES NOT

REPRESENT A NEW GON POSITION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF
IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO LOS DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
EMBASSY CLARIFICATION THIS MATTER SOONEST.

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